# Need inspiration for your WIC food package? Look no more!

All colored foods on this handout are available on your WIC food package!

# **Breakfast**

- 1 scrambled egg with cheese + ½ banana + 4-6 oz 1% milk
- 4 oz low-fat vanilla yogurt + ¼ cup strawberries, chopped
- 1 cup multigrain Cheerios + 4-6 oz 1% milk + ½ banana

# Lunch

- Peanut butter and jelly sandwich on whole wheat bread + bell pepper strips
- English muffin pizza + 4-6 oz 1% milk
- ½ cup vegetable fried rice + ½ apple cut into slices

# Dinner

- Whole wheat pasta + marinara sauce with lean ground beef + mixed vegetables + 4-6 oz 1% milk
- ½ cup *black bean fajita casserole* + 4-6 oz 1% milk
- Salsa wrap: whole wheat tortilla with black beans, lettuce, peppers, salsa, and cheese



# **Snacks**

- Low-fat cheese slices + 4 oz 100% fruit juice
- ½ apple cut into slices
- ½ cup baby carrots w/ranch dressing + 4 oz 100% fruit juice
- ½ orange
- 4 oz 100% fruit juice + "ants on a log" celery + peanut butter + raisins
- ¼ cup sliced strawberries + 4-6 oz 1% milk

#### Tips and tricks for healthy snacking!

- Aim for 2 food groups for each snack fruit, vegetable, grain, dairy, or protein.
- Having pre-prepared healthy snack options available will make kids more likely to choose healthy options!
- Think "outside the bag" foods served in bags (chips, bars, sweets, etc.) are often the less-healthy option.
- Aim for whole grains whole grain cereals, breads, and even popcorn are great snack options.
- Snacks are snacks for a reason check the portion sizes on packaged items.

# **English muffin pizzas**

# Ingredients

- 1 whole wheat English muffin
- 1 oz cheese
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup marinara sauce
- 1 oz choice of protein, chopped (chicken, pepperoni, etc.)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable(s) of choice, chopped (mushrooms, broccoli, peppers, spinach, etc.)

#### **Directions**

- 1. Toast English muffin to desired crispiness. Then spread marinara sauce evenly among both halves and top with cheese.
- 2. Place protein and vegetable of choice on both halves, then toast until cheese is melted. Enjoy!

# **Vegetable Fried Rice**

# Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 4 cups brown rice, cooked
- 1 package mixed vegetables, cooked per package instructions
- 4 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- Pepper, to taste

#### Directions

- 1. Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a pan and add cooked rice, vegetables, soy sauce, and pepper. Cook for 3 minutes.
- 2. Move the rice to the edge of the pan, making room for 1 tablespoon of butter and the eggs.
- 3. Heat eggs until just barely firm, then mix all ingredients together. Allow the mixture to cook for 1 more minute, or until eggs are thoroughly cooked through. Enjoy!

# Black Bean Fajita Casserole

### Ingredients

- 1 ½ cup uncooked brown rice + water listed on package
- 1 tablespoon taco seasoning
- 1 medium bell pepper, cut into strips or chopped
- 1 medium onion, cut into strips or chopped
- 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 ½ cups frozen or canned corn kernels (drain if canned)
- 1 ½ cups salsa or picante sauce
- 2 cups shredded cheese of your choice
- Sour cream or avocado for topping

# Directions

- 1. Cook rice according to package directions, stirring in taco seasoning after cooking.
- 2. Sauté peppers and onions over medium heat with fajita seasoning until tender.
- 3. Preheat oven to 350F. Grease a 13x9 inch baking dish/pan.
- 4. Spread cooked rice over the bottom of the pan. Then, spread black beans, corn, peppers, and onions over the rice. Spoon the salsa over the top, and sprinkle with cheese.
- 5. Bake at 350F for 25 minutes, or until cheese has melted and casserole is hot all the way through. Serve with sour cream or avocado if desired. Enjoy!